

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Psalm 19; Jesus is Just Alright; Promises; Great is Thy Faithfulness

Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, AJ Allen, Neal Sterrett, Sally Osborn

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC Bigfoot!; Grace Alone

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-10

MESSAGE **Bumper Sticker Theology** Rev. John W. Bowling
"Bigfoot Doesn't Believe in You Either"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving and gracious God, today we humbly thank You for the divine demonstration of love, made known to us through Jesus. It is this love which reassures and reconciles us to You, to ourselves and to one another.

God, may this bread connect us more closely with You and with our neighbors near and far.

Bless this bread, we pray. That it may be for us the body of Christ.

May this fruit of the cup remind us of the depth of Your love for each of us; everyone.

Bless the cup, O Lord, as we remember the blood of Christ shed for our sins.

O God, we sincerely pray this simple meal will position our hearts to champion Your truth to all the world.

Pour out Your Spirit upon us gathered here and these gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine; that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus and that we might be to the world: the body of Christ.

Grant us, O God, courage to be the hands, feet, heart and voice of our Lord. May it be our collective witness and a demonstration of the value You see in all.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Grace Alone; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters,**
Karen Beymer & Lanee Philippe, and
Communion Stewards, Sally Race & Pat Sidler
Your service is greatly appreciated!



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The **Care Closet** is currently fulfilling referrals for over 150 school-aged children, and we're running low on sizes 5/6, 7/8, 10/12, & 14/16 (both genders). New or very gently used shorts, capris, T-shirts, jeans or lightweight joggers would be greatly appreciated! (No dresses, underwear, or shoes at this point, please). Thank you for your consideration and continued support. You are such a Blessing to us!

PRELUDE O Lord We Praise God Heinrich Scheidemann

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HYMN #98* To God Be the Glory

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #77* How Great Thou Art

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Theodore Beck

DOXOLOGY*

SPECIAL MUSIC Shall We Gather at the River Robert Lowry
Donald & Esther Drewry, Hammered Dulcimer & Bowed Psaltery

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HYMN #140* Great Is Thy Faithfulness

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Minuet Gothique Leon Boellmann

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YOUTH MINISTRY



We are seeking 1-2 adults to help lead **Monday Morning Prayer** during the '25-26 school year, on a rotational basis. Are you available once or twice a month on Monday mornings from 7:15—7:40 am?

Monday morning prayer is scheduled to return

Monday, August 18th and run thru May (only during the weeks when school is in session). A devotional reading will be provided for you if you'd like.

Please contact Amy at 859-992-9450 or the church office to be a part of this longstanding, vibrant ministry that HUMC has offered to our youth & the community for many years.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HUGE shoutout to all of our amazing VBS volunteers! *Thank you* for helping make 2025 VBS a great success. We couldn't have done it without you!

We would also like to *Thank you* all for supporting our VBS Mission!

Your generous donations helped make a real impact.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Paul W—Last radiation-cancer
- Brenda S—breast cancer
- Peggy—weakened heart
- Scott S—loss of vision
- Carol (Donna Clapp's cousin)-multiple health problems
- Vern H—recovering from illness and preparing for surgery
- Stephanie—biopsy & treatment plans
- Rhonda R—health issues
- AJ S—surgery & health issues
- Greg—Bladder cancer/chemo



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August 3, 2025 11:00am

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.